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REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Advisory Action mailed October 8, 2003. Applicants appreciate the Examiner's consideration of the Application. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner indicated that amended Claims 31-36 and 38-41 would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely-filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claims. Claims 42-52 have been canceled. Applicants therefore respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of Claims 31-36 and 38-41.

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CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all the pending claims.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this case in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact Keiko Ichiye, the Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6494.

Although Applicants believe no fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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